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REMARKS

Applicants have submitted this amendment so that the Examiner may consider the claims as modified herein. By this amendment, Applicants have modified previously presented independent claims 1 and 7 to specify that the width of said second magnetic core at the front end portion is not equal to and is only smaller than a width of said first magnetic core. Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art references relied upon by the Examiner in support of the previous rejections fail to either teach or suggest Applicants presently claimed invention wherein one of the magnetic cores is physically smaller as now claimed. Accordingly, because the cited references do not teach or suggest this advance in the art, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 7 now stand in condition for allowance.

Additionally, by this amendment, Applicants have added a new independent claims which specifies that the magnetic head includes a first magnetic core and second magnetic core each of which has a narrow region located nearest to the recording medium and a widening portion wherein the width of the cores each increases. The newly submitted claim also specifies that the first magnetic core and the second magnetic core each has a widened portion that is substantially wider than the region located nearest the recording medium and which is adjacent the widening portions. Furthermore, the claim specifies that the coil portion is located between the first and second magnetic cores only at the widened portions of the first and second magnetic cores, the widened portions having a generally constant width at the location of the coil portion.

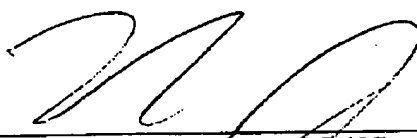
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Applicants also respectfully submit that the prior art references of record provide no teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding the claimed magnetic head structure as now specified in the claims of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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